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## OUR NEWARK LETTER.

The Political Cauldron—Who are mentioned for Register and Sheriff.

NEWARK, SEPT. 29th, 1874.

The political pot is boiling at a dreadful rate in this city, and candidates for the various offices are as plentiful almost as grasshoppers in Kansas. Though an "off-year" the excitement in both parties is on the increase, and the Democracy mean to make a desperate fight for success. They are selecting their best men for all responsible offices, working on the basis that men will be voted for rather than party this time.

The Republicans are actuated by the same principle, and are calling up the strongest and most influential men in the party for all the positions to be filled, so that the Democracy will find it no easy task to defeat them at the polls. To-morrow the City Convention meets to nominate local officers and in the several wards great activity is being displayed. Primaries to nominate Aldermen and other ward officers are being held nightly and in another week's time the excitement will be at its highest pitch.

Hon. Geo. A. Halsey is growing in popularity daily and his majority is already being discussed in betting circles. He is a strong man, and Newark will give him a tremendous majority.

The most important of the county offices this year is the Registership, judging by the number of candidates for nomination. All those urged for this position are men of good standing and ability, thus rendering a selection somewhat difficult. It is a satisfaction to know, however, that any of them are worthy the support and confidence of the whole party.

Col. Courtois has been in the field some time and has canvassed the County pretty thoroughly. The Colonel is popular in the G. A. R. and has always been a good word for the cause. Though defeated for Sheriff three years ago, his friends claim that he is stronger to-day than ever and would prove a most desirable candidate.

Ald. Pennington of the Third Ward is also a candidate and is confident of success. He is a young man in politics, and has proved himself no mean antagonist. He has numerous warm supporters, but there is a strong feeling that he can afford to wait a little while longer. Should the nomination fall to him, however, he will prove a formidable opponent.

Dr. Sanford B. Hunt, editor of the *Advertiser* is a prominent candidate for this office. It was reported at one time that he had withdrawn, but the *Courier* a few days ago announced that he was still a candidate and that his name would remain before the Convention until a choice was made. As the *Advertiser* republished the *Courier's* article the next day, there is of course no doubt about it. The Doctor's services to the party are well known and he is generally believed to be strongly supported.

The most quiet of all the candidates mentioned and one of the most acceptable to the people of the whole county is, perhaps Hon. James L. Gurney. This gentleman is very popular in this city and would, if nominated call out a large vote. He has not of late held any office, but has been a hard and persistent worker for the party with excellent results. His friends believe him to be the strongest candidate yet named and it is the prevailing belief that the contest for nomination rests between him and Dr. Hunt. The Doctor has influential backing in the paper he so ably edits, while Mr. Gurney's strength is derived from the record he has made for himself in his official career—having been Alderman two years and served two terms in the Legislature.

Of course it is useless to say who will be nominated. All is as yet mere speculation, and there may be numerous other candidates before the County Convention is called. Mr. Chas. A. Glaze, was at one time mentioned but he has not I believe, taken any active steps in the matter and I have heard that he has declined. The first four gentlemen are *bona fide* candidates now, and in all probability will remain so until after the convention.

The candidates for Register among the Democracy are also numerous, comprising Aldermen Duseberry, Fitzgerald and Soden; Dr. Vail and M. R. Kenny.

For Sheriff Col. Munn and Elias O. Doremus, of Orange. A. G. Baldwin and David J. Canfield of Newark are more prominently mentioned among Republicans, while it is conceded as a matter of course that the Democracy will renominate the present incumbent—Col. Peckwell.

For Surrogate Mr. G. D. G. Moore is most prominently spoken of but as he has had the office one full term now it is thought by many he should give way to some one else. The fight for this office is as at no time yet been very decided but there is no telling what a day may bring forth.

Q. L. V.

## FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPT. 29, 1874.

Several letters belonging to Kellogg, captured in New Orleans, bring to light the transactions between his (Kellogg's) Government and men in Washington, and explain the large use of money during the investigation of Louisiana affairs in the last Congress. One letter from Caleb Cushing, the late nominee for Chief Justice, and present Minister to Spain states that he has drawn on Kellogg for \$1,000, and of \$2,000 sent earlier he found it desirable to deliver \$1,000 to E. W. Chandler. General Butler also writes that he thinks his retainer for the Louisiana case before the Supreme Court, should be \$5,000. Kellogg, however, states emphatically that the fees paid to the gentlemen were for legal services only and did not influence the action of Congress in any way. I shall call attention here to a law passed last session, which prohibited persons occupying positions under the Government from resigning and engaging in certain kinds of business, within a specified time after their resignation, and the reason of this was that men secured positions in certain offices, gained valuable information, and then used it for private business. Instances had been named, and Congress intended to stop growing evil. In the Departments, if a clerk gets a situation to occupy a few hours in the evening, and when it doesn't interfere with his daily duties, he is informed that he must give up his clerkship or the situation. Now, is it not time for lawyers in Congress to be forbidden accepting fees for cases that their positions on committees and as members of the Government should preclude them from?

It is rumored that an attempt will be made to declare invalid and void all the presentments of the Grand Jury which returned the Safe Burglary indictments on the ground that it was not legally constituted. 1st, that three of the Jury had not been sworn; 2d, one was over-age, and 3d, three were non-tax-payers. Should it be decided that it lacks the legal requisite of a Grand Jury, it releases the four prisoners from bail, and they could leave the jurisdiction of the Court; but a single oath before the Police Court and the issue of a warrant thereon would be sufficient to re-arrest them.

Mr. Columbus Alexander, who the burglars tried to implicate, applied for permission to employ counsel to assist Mr. Riddle, but as yet the Government has not complied with the request. Assistant Attorney General Hill, who has just returned from Europe will assist Mr. Riddle to prosecute.

Colonel Whitley, the Chief of the Secret Service, who was indicted, wrote to the Court he would serve the necessity of arrest by coming on and giving bail, but it is stated he has gone to Boston and intends to avail himself of the *habeas corpus* act, (if that can be done) by advice of General Butler.

The revelation relating to the Secret Service of the Treasury Department are not gratifying to the people who love for honesty and honesty in Government affairs. Mr. Nettleship, occupying the next position to Chief Whitley in the Secret Service, draws a regular salary of \$6 per day, and \$3 for subsistence; besides, is paid for "incidentals" \$174.99 a month, and \$75.25 for traveling expenses. Last month, Mr. Nettleship drew \$180 a pay and \$90 for subsistence, \$158 for traveling expenses and \$1,020.50 for "incidentals"—a total for one month of \$1,448.50, this being the time when the Safe Burglary took place, and Mr. Nettleship is indicted as a party thereto. It is also discovered that this man has been carried on the rolls of the New York Custom House as an Inspector at \$4 more a day, and this in the face of a direct law prohibiting any person holding two offices under the Government. This Mr. Nettleship's pay will aggregate over \$14,000 a year, a pretty fair price to pay a detective. This is one case among others, and it is also known that a batch of criminals were under pay, on the principle "it takes a thief to catch a thief." Unpalatable as this whole mess is, this bringing to light of the inner history of the concern will have the effect of wiping out the whole rotten combination. It is to the credit of Secretary Bristow that this reform was first inaugurated by him.

Considerable interest was excited last week by the trial of S. B. Murdoch, indicted for sending a threat nine letters in June last to Hon. Fernando Wood. The letter stated that Mr. Wood had had improper relations with Murdoch's wife and then offered to hand over the woman to Wood and say no more about it, for the modest sum of \$50,000, but threatened in case the money was not paid, to send seven barrels of a revolver into Mr. Wood. It was proved that Murdoch sent two negro boys with the letter and then hid behind a tree box while it was being delivered, and that Mr. Wood on the receipt of the letter took the boys and went after Murdoch, and caused his arrest. A seven-shooter pistol was found on Murdoch. He was convicted, though his counsel filed a motion to quash the indictment on the ground that sending a threatening letter is not an offense at common law, and there being no statute on the subject the indictment charged no legal offense. The motion was overruled, and accused was convicted.

A couple of swindlers, hailing from St. Louis, named Arthur Hart and John Moody, played a bold game for three weeks, but were discovered Saturday. They sent circulars couched in plausible terms to District Attorney, stating for \$10 they would send a "digest of the Attorney General's instructions," in three volumes, and then signed a fictitious name and official position. Another scheme was to operate on the Signal Service. The prisoners were sent to jail.

Joseph H. Bradley, who was one of the counsel for John H. Barrett, and who was expelled from practicing at the bar of the court, for "abusing the Court in an insulting manner," and sending a challenge to Judge Fisher, the then presiding officer, was released yesterday by the universal request of citizens and members of the bar.

Dr. Aver, known as the manufacturer of the "Querry" Fictitious Court Motions, "aspires to succeed Judge Hoar, of Mass., in Congress. The semi-annual bribe season is at hand. Among the noticeable weddings are that of Lieut. Fitch to General Sherman's daughter, Oct. 1st. Mr. Murphy the St. Norraber of the Senate to Miss Montgomery, also Oct. 1st. Mr. Flanagan of Philadelphia to Miss Emily, eldest daughter of Judge Strong, of the Supreme Court. And it is rumored that the Silver Senator (Jones) from Nevada, will, before his return to Washington, be married to Miss Sullivan, who is with her father, was a guest of the Senator last season.

The residence of Gen. Sherman was sold for \$60,000. This was the home of the President, presented to him by his New York friends, and on his election to the Presidency was bought and presented to Gen. Sherman.

Secretary Robeson purchased Senator Stewart's former residence for \$33,500.

King Kalakaua of the Sandwich Islands, expects to embark for San Francisco, enroute to Washington, next November, on a U. S. ship sent out expressly for himself and suite. He is said to be well colored, but tolerably good-looking—and married.

Among the Naval Cadets admitted to the Academy at Annapolis is F. L. Young, a son of Brigham Young.

Prof Langston of the Howard University, with another colored man entered a prominent restaurant and was refused attendance. They have brought suit under the "Civil Rights Bill."

A strange notice of the ladies clubbed in the "Treasure" entering the building, asked the name of that "Young Ladies Society." The volunteers each young lady carried to read, while spending the hours there, is what caused the stranger's remark.

VINCENT.

## The Wilson Robbery.

ED. BLOOMFIELD RECORD:

Seeing an account of the burglary committed at my home in your issue of the 18th, I feel it my duty to make a statement of facts as they occurred and thereby correct any misapprehensions which might occur and at the same time give honor to whom honor is due.

Charles Wilson, convicted and sentenced to State Prison, had been stopping at my house for a week, and a few days previous to the robbery left my house saying that he was going to New York. My first suspicion that something wrong had occurred was occasioned by finding a pocket knife of his lying open on my kitchen table, the blade of which was covered with butter, showing evidently that he had been there eating during my absence while the house was supposed to be unoccupied, and as he has not borne an enviable reputation I immediately started upstairs to see if my money was safe, but alas on looking for it I found it had all been taken, (about \$70.) This happened in the latter part of August 1874. During the first week in September I saw Charles Wilson pass my house several times and under an impression that he slept in my barn where he could take observations through the chinks. In my absence during the day, the house being left alone, he entered it and ransacked everything from cellar to garret. I then went to Squire Hall and obtained a warrant for his arrest which was placed in constable Davis' hands for execution, who immediately detached \$1.55 to pay for the warrant. I asked if that was according to rule in presence of Squire Hall who coincided, so I paid it. The day following I went down to see constable Davis and informed him personally where he could find my dress, etc., in New York. Davis then without my consent called in a detective and asked me for \$5 to pay expenses to New York. I told him I had not got \$5. Davis and the detective I believe went that night to New York and obtained the following articles after, as they say, having made a prolonged search, viz:

1 silk shawl, 1 silk dress, 1 polonaise, 1 black cloth sack, (1 watch, chain and trunk, and 1 gold pencil), all which have been returned to me except the articles in brackets, which constable Davis now holds.

My issue of the 18th inst. leads one to the belief that Davis and the detective arrested the thief and recovered all the goods, instead of which, Charles Wilson was arrested by constable George W. Perry, who also recovered the greatest portion of the goods. The following is a list of the stolen goods recovered by constable George W. Perry, viz:

2 3/4 doz. assorted knives and forks; 2 plated table spoons; 1 silk sack; 2 pairs new gaiters; 1 gold pencil; 1 piece silk ribbon; 1 handkerchief; 1 new felt hat; towels, stockings, photographs and various other small articles.

SUSAN WILSON.

BLOOMFIELD, SEPT. 28, 1874.

The Third Anniversary of the Watessing M. E. Sunday School was held on Sunday last. In the morning Mr. Samuel Clark of Newark preached a sermon which he illustrated very graphically on the blackboard. His text was "I am the Door." In the afternoon ex-Mayor Ferry, of Orange, and Rev. George W. Smith of Montclair, made addresses. In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. F. A. Goodwin. This gentleman sails for India on the 20th of October as a missionary. In the church where the services were held a motto was placed above the pulpit, made of beautifully variegated Fall leaves, and contained these words: "Jesus, the same yesterday, to-day, forever." The school now has a total of 135 scholars and teachers. When started three years ago the number enrolled was twenty-eight.

Wallace, the South Orange burglar, in an unguarded moment, revealed the names and residences of two of his friends, who were arrested in New York last Saturday. Their names were Barrett and Garrigan. The former was found in an attic at 69 Sullivan st. where also were found bundles of shoemaker's, carpenter's and even blacksmith's tools, and several packages of household articles, all the proceeds of robberies. In Barrett's pockets were twenty-six pawn tickets for goods that are believed to have been pillaged from Essex county residents. Garrigan was found at 37 Sullivan street. His apartments also contained conclusive evidence of his complicity with the robberies in the shape of stolen articles and pawn tickets.

## The Montclair Railway.

This road is now being very successfully operated. A large freight time, the past few weeks, has been the transportation of stone used in paving Washington avenue in Belleville. The passenger traffic is also very good, and the road is in a fair way of getting out of its difficulties. Last week the Chancellor, upon hearing, decided that Mr. Howitt is not guilty of contempt in running the road as Trustee, and further decided not to grant an injunction restraining him from operating it as Trustee for the Second Mortgage Bond-holders, upon application being for made such injunction by the counsel of Julius H. Pratt, in the Benson case, of right of way.

A Warren country paper says that the Washington (N. J.) "Fire Department" consists of a "Babcock fire extinguisher, which throws a sticky stream of 'one inch' in diameter about fifteen feet, if the wind is favorable."

On the 23d inst. Mr. Letter Steele, of Passaic, Bergen County, N. J., reached the advanced age of 100 years. His sight and hearing are still unimpaired. With the aid of glasses he reads a great deal. He has used tobacco from boyhood, and though temperate is not a total abstinence man.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Have you laid in your coal?

The melon colic days are about over.

The roads are in splendid condition.

Fall overcoats are becoming fashionable.

The marriage market is looking up—so they say.

Martin Brothers seem to be doing a snug business in family groceries.

Dr. Sim's lecture in the M. E. Church on Wednesday night attracted a large audience.

Fourteen men, six boys and five cart horses are making things lively in the Library cellar.

D. W. Smith has been putting a provokingly handsome coat of paint on No. 6 Monroe Place.

The Eclectic Society have a public meeting next Monday night. The programme is a sumptuous one.

Miss Whipple's class in the Central School visited the Industrial Fair Wednesday afternoon and evening.

J. Berry was looking for J. Frost early yesterday morning in the low places. Like T. Collins, he wasn't to be found.

Not dead, but sleeping. The "Gazette" wants news sent in as early as Monday to insure publication in Saturday's paper.

One of those interesting "Quarterly Meetings" of the Westminster Sunday School took place on Sabbath evening last.

In the Newark Court of Common Pleas, the applications of Mrs. Hanley and Willington Ure for saloon licenses, in Montclair were refused.

The Rev. Henry Cross of Coventry, England, will preach in the Baptist church, on next Sabbath morning and evening. Public cordially invited.

A very interesting game of base ball was played at Belleville on Friday last, between the picked nine of Bloomfield and a nine from the Fourth Ward of Belleville. The game resulted in a victory for Belleville, by a score of 14 to 13. Mr. Akers was umpire.

MORRIS & DOTY, of Newark are now advertising extensively in THE RECORD. We believe this popular firm has many regular customers in Bloomfield. For a number of years Morris & Doty have been the successful successors of the old Davis Dry Goods Stand of Market street.

An adjourned Parish Meeting of the Bloomfield Presbyterian Society will be held in the Lecture Room on this (Friday) evening at a quarter before 8 o'clock to confer with Trustees in reference to matters pertaining to altering galleries of the church, also in reference to parsonage.

At a meeting of the Town Committee, held last Friday, very little important business was transacted. The Washington street matter was laid over to be acted upon at a special meeting. The grades upon West Belleville and Sherman avenues were established in accordance with the profiles presented by the property owners on those streets.

William P. Lyon can remember back as far as Christmas-time last year, and rake up an affair everybody else by common consent had forgotten, in order to pursue his mischievous enmity against one of his neighbors and fellow church-members. We suppose he cannot stretch his memory a little further back and recall the fact of this neighbor's giving him, in response to his importunity, ten dollars toward his famous newspaper begging-fund.

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